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TAGS: WMO, XA, SWEL, UNDPA

SUBJ: US CONSULTANT TO ASSESS METEOROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF  
SAHELIAN DROUGHT

REF: STATE 155113

1. WMO SECRETARIAT WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN WITH US  
IN PROPOSED SURVEY. PRECISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOING THIS NOT  
YET WORKED OUT.

2. NEVERTHELESS, D/SYG HAS CABLED WMO PERM REP NIGER INFORMING  
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HIM OF SUGGESTION TO RECRUIT US SCIENTIST AS WMO EXPERT AND

ASKING HIS CONCURRENCE FOR VISIT AS PART OF BROAD WMO PROGRAM FOR SAHELIAN DROUGHT STUDIES. IN UNLIKELY EVENT THAT RESPONSE NEGATIVE OR NO RESPONSE, NOAA METEOROLOGISTS COULD PROCEED UNDER BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT.

3. DISCUSSION DURING RA I SESSION GENEVA MAY AROUSE INTEREST OTHER METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTORS TO EXTEND SURVEY UNDER WMO TO OTHER SAHELIAN DROUGHT COUNTRIES. IF NECESSARY, SUCH ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE COMPLETED AFTER NOAA SCIENTIST HAS COMMENCED NIGER SURVEY, OR HE MAY WISH REMAIN GENEVA UNTIL ALL ARRANGEMENTS FINALIZED.

4. DECISION ON PARTICIPATION OF WMO SECRETARIAT OFFICER (OR OTHER CONSULTANT) IN SURVEY WILL BE BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AT RA I SESSION AND OF PROPOSED MEETING OF PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE IN OUAGADOUGOU, UNDERSTOOD TO BE SCHEDULED FOR LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. WMO EXPECTS TO ATTEND THAT SESSION.

5. SECRETARIAT ASKS WHETHER US HAS ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISCUSSIONS APPROPRIATE NIGER OFFICIALS AND TRAVEL OUTSIDE CAPITAL IF SUCH IS NECESSARY TO STUDY LOCAL RECORDS AND LOCAL INFLUENCES. THEY POINT TO HEAVY DRAIN ON TRANSPORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFS DURING PRESENT EMERGENCY AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION THIS SUBJECT TO DETERMINE WHAT ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WMO SHOULD MAKE IF EXPERT IS TO TRAVEL UNDER THEIR AUTHORITY. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTOR HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DETAILS EXPERT SURVEY.

6. RE WEATHER DATA MENTIONED IN ROME 7794, UNDERSTAND THAT THIS INFORMATION CONSISTS OF WEEKLY RAINFALL TOTALS FOR 35 STATIONS IN THE SIX SAHELIAN COUNTRIES. THE DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE AT WMO HEADQUARTERS.BASSIN

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